



# URBAN AGRICULTURE

## Emerging Opportunities In Science, Education And Policy

SYMPOSIUM  
HOSTED BY:  
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### SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

MAY 20-22, 2002  
DALLAS, TEXAS

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Agriculture has typically been associated with the production of food and fiber commodities in rural areas. In the 21st century, agriculture is much broader than this and includes such diverse items as environmental horticulture, planning the use of green space, control of insect and rodent pests, wildlife management, and food production by city dwellers. Our symposium will provide a forum for better understanding these components and will result in a broadened perception of agriculture. The symposium will also provide an opportunity to discuss actions needed to meet the needs of urban communities through research, education and policy.

### MISSION STATEMENT

*To define and describe the components and issues of urban agriculture and examine the common ground and opportunities that exist between urban and rural communities.*

### PURPOSES

- Focus on the interrelatedness of urban and rural society, discussing the continuum from all aspects of food, fiber, ornamental plant production and culture to human health and well-being, as an expression of cultural evolution
- Provide a forum for persons representing a wide range of activities related to urban agriculture; e.g. agronomy, agricultural anthropology, horticulture, soil science, food systems, entomology, ecology, economics, natural resources who would not normally come together
- Improve visibility and awareness of urban agriculture.
- Develop an agenda for future actions related to urban agriculture

### EXPECTED OUTCOMES

We anticipate a well-organized meeting attended by persons representing a diverse group of disciplines. The CAST (Council for Agricultural Science and Technology) report on urban agriculture will be released and discussed. The symposium series will result in statistical information that will help document the importance of urban agriculture. Poster Paper abstracts and copies of presented papers will be published in a set of proceedings. Other written products from the symposium will include an executive summary for use with key leaders (e.g. legislators). The symposium will be repeated on a regular basis and will result in spin-off meetings on focused topics related to urban agriculture. Your participation in this symposium will contribute to an improved appreciation of urban agriculture by our society and its leaders.

### AUDIENCE

The intended audience include university educators, researchers, administrators, government scientists, urban extension educators and relevant industry representatives from diverse backgrounds related to: food, fiber and ornamental plant production; greenspace and quality of life; greenspace and environmental enhancement; economics, policy and consumer education. The program will also be of interest to some key political leaders and members of the media.

### ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

- Lorna Michael Butler—Iowa State University
- Tim Davis—Texas A&M University
- Maurice Dorsey—USDA-CSREES, Washington, D.C.
- Robert Dowdy—USDA/ARS, St. Paul, MN
- Gail Feenstra—Univ. of California, Davis
- Wayne Gardner—University of Georgia
- Victor Gibeault—Univ. of California, Riverside
- Dale Maronek—Oklahoma State University
- Ari Michelsen—Texas A&M University
- Jon Rodiek—Texas A&M University
- Peter Schultz—Virginia Tech
- Bonnie McGee—Texas A&M University
- Jamie Mills—Texas A&M University

### HOTEL/TRANSPORTATION

The symposium will be held at the Harvey Hotel/Crowne Plaza complex located at Loop 635 in North Dallas (about 15 miles east of DFW Airport and about 10 miles north of downtown Dallas). The Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport is a major hub for American and Delta Airlines. Ground transportation by van to the hotel is about \$20 one-way. (Reservations can be made by calling Super Shuttle at 817/329-2000).

### COLLABORATORS as of December 2001:

University of California Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources, Texas A&M University Agriculture Program, Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST), University of Georgia Center for Urban Agriculture, USDA/CSREES, Iowa State University, Kellogg Foundation, American Society for Horticultural Science, National Urban Task Force, Oklahoma Botanical Garden and Arboretum, Farm Foundation, USDA/ARS, US Golf Association.



# Preliminary Agenda

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH

OPTIONAL PRE-CONFERENCE TOURS  
REGISTRATION  
WELCOMING RECEPTION

MONDAY, MAY 20TH

## PLENARY SESSION

The program for day 1 will provide insight into the relevance of urban agriculture to today's society and will begin to define and describe the broad, overarching components of urban agriculture. Also, a common vocabulary will be developed to lay a foundation for interactive discussions. Day 1 will begin the process of identifying critical issues in urban agriculture.

Welcome to the Program—Goals and Objectives of Symposium, Acknowledgement of Sponsors—Ed Hiler (Texas A&M Univ.) & Reg Gomes (U. of California)

Significance and Benefits of Urban Agriculture—Why are we here? - I. Miley Gonzales (New Mexico State)  
Challenges in Defining Urban Agriculture and Opportunities for Expanding Conventional Definitions (history, problems with definition, etc.) Paul Thompson (Purdue)

Population Changes/Demographics in relation to Agricultural Activities—John Thomas (Texas A&M Univ.)

CAST report on Urban Agriculture: 1) the report and where it came from; 2) emerging areas in urban agriculture—Lorna Butler & Dale Maronek

## GENERAL SESSION

"Overview" talks outlining major components of urban agriculture followed by case studies (definitions, scope, impacts, and future opportunities). Overview presentations will lay the groundwork for the breakout sessions.

- Animals/Wildlife/ People Interactions—Ron Dodson (Audubon International)
- Community Vitality / Human Health and Development—Zac Smit (Urban Agric. Network) & Patricia Hynes (Boston Univ.)
- Environmental Horticulture and Green Industry—John Kelly and Scott Templeton (Clemson)
- Natural Resources—Henry Vaux (U. of California) & Richard Coombe (NY Agric. Watershed Council)

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TUESDAY, MAY 21ST

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

The program for day 2 will bring together professionals from diverse disciplines and backgrounds to clarify needs, share ideas, and identify science, education and policy mechanisms for agriculture to better serve metropolitan communities.

-Jim Brenner, Chief Facilitator (U. of California)

- Identify a vision for agriculture in an urbanizing society
- Describe the current situation for agriculture in an urbanizing society
- Identify science, education and policy strategies for building rural-urban connections

## POSTER SESSION (P.M.)

Contributed papers will be solicited from all areas related to Urban Agriculture. (See Call for papers).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22ND

## WRAP UP

The program for day 3 will summarize what we have learned, especially regarding strategies and opportunities that foster the urban - rural connection. Emphasis will focus on recommendations for future action in science, education and policy. Also, opportunities to integrate agriculture into urbanizing environments from a planning perspective will be presented in some detail.

- Integrating urban agricultural opportunities from a planning perspective, Jon Rodiek, Roger Ulrich (Texas A&M Univ.), Randall Arendt (Greener Prospects)
- What have we learned?
- Future opportunities: Where do we go from here?
- National Urban Task Force Meeting—Bonnie McGee, Coordinator, Texas A&M Dallas, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES

- Poster paper abstracts due March 12, 2002
- Hotel reservations due March 15, 2002
- Conference registration fee due March 12, 2002

For more information, visit our website at <http://urbanag.tamu.edu>

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**Hotel Reservation Cut off date March 15, 2002**  
Call Hotel Reservations at 972.233.7600 for special group negotiated rates. If you need to cancel for any reason, please do so 24 hours prior to arrival to avoid one night's room and tax charged to credit card. Or, FAX form below to 972.788.0947.

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## CALL FOR POSTER PAPERS

Deadline for receipt of abstracts is March 12, 2002

Your abstract for the Program will be produced exactly as submitted and should fill a box that is 15cm wide and 12cm tall. Use a laser printer. Each letter in the title should be capitalized. On a separate line, give author names (underlined) and affiliations. On a new line begin the text of the abstract. Send abstract (do not fold) to:

Dr. Tim Davis, Chair—Organizing Committee  
TEXAS A&M DALLAS  
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Sample Abstract: (not to scale)

URBAN AGRICULTURE  
 Joe B. Johnson and Harry A. Jones, Dept.  
 Biology, State Univ., Big City, Texas, USA  
 Urban agriculture is an important topic...

More information regarding preparation of posters will be sent to the authors who submit abstracts for the program.

Publication of Symposium Proceedings

Each invited oral presentation and contributed abstract (from posters) will be published in the proceedings. Each registrant will receive a copy of the proceedings. All papers and presentations will be in English.

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